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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 7(A) and 7(B) as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract filed with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 22, line 21-page 23, line 13, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Fig. 22 shows the structure of the particulate filter 70, wherein Fig. 22(A) is a front view of the particulate filter 70 and Fig. 22(B) is a side sectional view thereof. As shown in these figures, the particulate filter 70 has an elliptic shape, and is, for example, the wall-flow type of a honeycomb structure formed of a porous material such as cordierite, and has many spaces in the axial direction divided by many partition walls 54 extending in the axial